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FOR ENGLAND

Adelaide. To-day. After being 72 for 1 at lunch, Australia lost two quick wickets for the addition of only a single in the fourth Test cricket match against England, which opened here this morning in fine weather.

There was a crowd of 25,000 present in sunny and warm weather when Allen and Bradman went out to toss, the Australian skipper not hesitating to take first use of a wicket that is expected to play easily throughout the day.

THE TEAMS

The following are the teams: Australia: — D. G. Bradman (Captain), W. A. Brown, J. H. Fingleton, S. J. McCabe, E. L. McCormick, W. J. O'Reilly, W. A. Oldfield, L. Fleetwood Smith, K. Rigg, A. G. Chipperfield and R. Gregory. Twelfth man: C. Badcock.

England: — G. O. Allen (Captain), Ames, Barnett, K. Farnes, Hammond, Hardstaff, Leyland, R. W. V. Robins, Verity, Voce and R. E. S. Wyatt.

Kenneth Farnes has secured recognition for the first time on the present tour and his inclusion was prompted by the fact that Voce, although included, is suffering from a sore back near the waist. Allen has thus wisely brought in his spare fast bowler as an emergency measure.

FIRST WICKET DOWN

Ames and Hammond are both suffering from minor injuries which are not expected to interfere with their play and Wyatt, the Warwickshire skipper, has displaced Worthington as England's opening bat after a long period of inactivity owing to an injured hand.

Fingleton and Brown opened the Australian innings against the bowling of Voce, who was not sending them down as fast as usual, and Allen, who could not get a "kick" out of the wicket.

Playing themselves in cautiously, the pair added 26 runs before Fingleton had his wicket thrown down by Voce. He had just reached double figures.

BROWN DELIGHTFUL

Joined by Rigg, Brown continued to score steadily, the 50 being hoisted after 66 minutes and the pair adding 46 before lunch was taken with the score at 72 for 1. Brown was then 42 as the result of delightful shots on the leg side, while Rigg, who was batting confidently, had scored 20.

The fielding of the English team was excellent throughout the morning.

Scores:

AUSTRALIA

J. H. Fingleton, run out	10
W. A. Brown, not out	42
K. Rigg, not out	20
Extras	0
Total (for 1 wkt.)	72
Fall of wicket: 1 (Fingleton) for	2
Later—73/1	1
Reuter	1

TRACING MAN'S EVOLUTION BY GIBBERING GIBBON

(By A Staff Reporter)

Seven American scientists who plan to live among the anthropoid apes in the jungles of Siam, Borneo and Sumatra for the next nine months, are now in Hong Kong, having arrived this morning in the Empress of Japan.

"The Missing Link" furnishes the clue to their ambition. They hope, by close observation of the life, habits and behaviour of the sub-human species in their natural environment to trace more of the missing links to man.

Although an unkind suggestion was made to-day that having arrived in Hong Kong, further exploration was barely necessary, Dr. Harold J. Coolidge, leader of the expedition, told a staff reporter of the "China Mail" that their chief research will be centred upon the gibbon, which is, to say the least, rare here, though it lives in clans in North Siam, which will probably become the expedition's principal base.

VISHINSKY DEMANDS DEATH

CLOSE OF MOSCOW PROSECUTION

LENIENCY ASKED FOR TWO

Moscow, To-day.

Tumultuous applause rang through the courtroom as Vishinsky, the Public Prosecutor, concluded an impassioned appeal with the demand that all the seventeen accused in the mass trial be shot.

Vishinsky alleged that the aim of the accused was to parcel the Soviet Union into economic concessions to the imperialistic and Fascist countries.

This, he stated, would offer such States freedom of action in the Danube Basin, the Balkans and China.

Arguing that the exiled Leon Trotsky was chiefly responsible for the crimes of the accused, counsel for the defence pleaded that the lives of Knyazeff, a director of the Soviet Railways, and Arnold, the former Hollywood actor, be spared.

Trotsky was behind Knyazeff's crimes, he claimed, while Arnold, though ordered to carry out certain acts, failed to do so because his nerve failed him. Reuter.

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The Princess Royal, who has indicated her intention of paying a visit to the Duke of Windsor in Austria shortly.

PRINCESS ROYAL TO VISIT THE EX-KING

Cabinet And Edward's Brothers

DISAPPROVAL OF MEETINGS

Vietnam, To-day.

Both the Duke of Kent and the Duke of Gloucester, younger brothers of ex-King Edward, now Duke of Windsor, have been advised by the British Cabinet that it would be undesirable for them to visit him at Enzesfeld Castle.

This is according to a Vienna paper, which says that the Duke of Kent had intended to visit his brother in Austria from the Hague following the wedding of Princess Juliana.

The Duke abandoned the project when told by Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the British Premier, that the Government did not favour visits to the former King.

Meanwhile, the Princess Royal, sister of the Duke of Windsor, is to pay a visit, says the paper.

Since her visit is of a purely private nature, says the report, the British Cabinet is unable to interfere.

The Princess Royal, who is expected at Enzesfeld Castle on Feb. 7, will take part in winter sports with her brother. — Trans-Ocean.

STOP PRESS

FIRST PROBLEM

First problem of the seven scientists it is gathered, is to secure acceptance by the gibbons' clans as fit society with which to associate.

As soon as they do become accustomed to the presence of the expedition in their midst, the investigators will settle down with notebooks to record their habits.

Every phase of the gibbon's daily life will be studied in the light of modern psychology, sociology, morphology, physical anthropology and anatomy in an effort to determine for the first time with scientific accuracy to what extent these primates have followed the same routes of evolution as mankind and the other anthropoids, and where these routes have diverged.

Data on the gibbons, Dr. Coolidge stated, will be used for com-

TEST LATEST TEA — 163 for 4.

Tokyo, To-day. Bowing his head before the storm of Army opposition, General Ugaki has abandoned his efforts to form a Cabinet.

Reuter.

GALE FURY LASHES PORTUGAL

Huge Seas And 120 m.p.h. Wind

SWATOW'S TASTE OF THE STORM

TOWN PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS

LIGHTNING HITS POWER CABLE

Swatow, To-day.

Swatow's power station was put out of action when lightning struck the distribution system at a vital point during a terrific thunderstorm last night. The town was plunged into darkness, apart from the almost incessant play of lightning, for nearly an hour, the current being cut off at 9.30 p.m. and being resumed at 10.25 p.m.

Many small houses were wrecked by torrential rain and lightning.

A large area of Eastern Kwangtung was affected by the storm. — Union News.

FREAKISH LOCAL STORM

Nearly an inch of rain fell in the "tropical" thunderstorm which broke over Hong Kong last night.

Vivid lightning and the violence of the thunder cracks were principal features of the weather phenomena.

Practically unknown at this time of the year in Hong Kong, the storm began in the early evening, broke off and resumed in its fullest fury in the early hours of this morning.

The hills in and around echoed to the reverberations of loud and ear-splitting rolls of thunder, which were accompanied by a heavy downpour.

"UNSEASONABLE"

Enquiries from the Director of the Royal Observatory elicited the information that it was nothing more or less than an "unseasonable" happening.

This morning's weather forecast and report states that the anti-cyclone over North China is increasing in intensity, and the depression is crossing Japan. A small depression was situated near South Formosa.

Moderate to fresh weather, generally, with North-east winds, was the forecast for to-day.

WAGNER MUSIC RECORDED

Famous Bayreuth Festival

Berlin, To-day.

For the first time since the beginning of the Great War the famous Wagnerian Festival at Bayreuth has been recorded for the gramophone, the exclusive rights being granted to the Telefunken Company by Frau Winifred Wagner.

Twenty-two records have been made, ten of which have already been placed on sale, these being designed to form a unified series and to reproduce the outstanding musical moments of the Festival.

The records were made by an orchestra of 1,370 performers and a chorus of 270 selected from members of opera companies all over Germany. — Trans-Ocean.

LINER IN GRAVE PERIL: S.O.S. SIGNALS REACH HELPLESS MEN

THE LIVES OF 100 PASSENGERS ON BOARD THE BRAZILIAN LINER "SANTOS" ARE IMPERILLED AS THE LINER IS DRIFTING HELPLESSLY IN RAGING SEAS OFF THE COAST OF PORTUGAL.

The liner ran into a hurricane yesterday and was battered by the storm, said to be the most severe in sixty years, into a condition of helplessness.

Frantic S.O.S. signals were sent out yesterday but all attempts to proceed to the liner's assistance from Lisbon have met with complete failure, the mountainous seas and a wind which reached a velocity of 120 miles an hour, forcing all rescue ships back into harbour.

Shipping has been paralysed along the entire Portuguese coast. Two torpedo boat destroyers sent on manoeuvres were caught when some distance from harbour, and only managed to limp into port after many hours of heart-breaking battling against the elements.

PORTUGAL SWEEP

The full effect of the storm was felt all over Portugal, says Trans-Ocean, but no accurate estimate of the damage done and the toll in human life can be made until reports have been received from outlying districts.

At present many of these districts are completely cut off from the outside world, the hurricane having interrupted all communications.

BRITISH WARSHIP DISABLED

Gibraltar, To-day.

The British destroyer H.M.S. Beagle, which broke down with condenser trouble 150 miles west of Gibraltar on Wednesday, has arrived here.

She was towed by the destroyer H.M.S. Brazen, while two other destroyers stood by.

P. AND O. BOAT SHELTERS

The weather is improving and the gale moderating. The P. and O. liner Strathnaver, which sought protection east of the Block yesterday, has sailed without discharging its cargo. — Reuter.

SHENSI PEACE APPARENTLY SECURE

TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM CHIHSU

Shanghai, To-day. The withdrawal of the vanguard of the Shensi rebels from Chihsu, a town on the railway to the east of Sianfu, is considered an indication that the agreement reached on January 27 will be duly executed.

Moreover the Lunghai Railway is reported to have sent engineers from Tsinlong to repair the track as far as Sianfu.

The Government, however, are watching the situation closely, in view of the doubt whether all sections of the rebel forces sincerely subscribe to the agreement. Doubts are especially felt over the army of General (Continued on Page 10)

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FOURTH TEST MATCH COMMENCES AT ADELAIDE TO-DAY

LADIES' INTERPORT HOCKEY

FINAL TRIAL FOR FEBRUARY 6.

YOUTH SHOULD BE SERVED

(By "STICKS")

The announcement in these columns yesterday to the effect that the Shanghai Ladies' Hockey Association team would arrive in the Colony on Thursday, February 11, was met with considerable enthusiasm in all sporting circles in the Colony and particularly by the ladies, who are to be congratulated on their efforts to continue this very interesting series.

The Shanghai decision has caused intense relief to the local Association, whose decks can now be cleared for action — the arranging of trials, the ground for the Interport, and entertainment, etc.

I understand that the final trial will not be held this week-end, which would actually be an ideal time, but on Saturday, February 6, in the early afternoon. Two teams will then be selected, a Colony side and a Rest of the Colony eleven.

Although I admit that it is rather rushing things to hold a trial next Sunday, yet the fact remains that the time at the disposal of the local Association is now limited to 13 days, which, although including to-morrow week's trial, will not give the local Interport team much time to indulge in a practice game.

Same Teams

The Colony team has not yet been selected — that is quite definite, but at least nine of the 11 members of the team are known. Next Saturday week's trial will probably see practically the same teams opposed to one another as on Boxing Day, when the last trial was held.

Colours on that occasion were represented by Miss F. Best, in goal, Miss E. Gray and Miss A. Fowler, at the two backs, while the intermediate line comprised Mrs. Silva, Miss J. Wong and Miss K. Glover. The forwards were Miss O. Dalziel, Miss W. Marsh, Mrs. Donald, Miss M. Smith and Miss J. Dalziel.

In this team, which can be recognised as the Probable side, I would suggest one or two changes. Miss Best displayed brilliant form against the Hong Kong ladies last Saturday, and is worthy of consideration, although Mrs. Lunson's experience will probably turn the scales in her favour.

Miss I. Woolley's Claims

Miss I. Woolley, who played for the Colony against the Shanghai Ladies in the first Interport match two seasons ago, as the left-back, is a serious contender for the right-half position, which is at present filled by Mrs. Silva. The latter is a reliable half-back, but lacks power behind her shots, although a great spoiler.

Miss Woolley's strongest claims for inclusion are her powerful hitting and equally good distribution. I suggest that she be played at right-half during one of the two halves of the trial.

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FOOTBALL COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held in the Association Office, Room No. 106, Gloucester Building, 2nd Floor, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday next.

Mr. C. Clarke, the Hon. Secretary, Kuala Lumpur, Tuanan, will be present to render assistance at this meeting. It is to be hoped that the members of the Council will be able to attend.



R.E.S. WYATT TO OPEN WITH BARNETT?

ROSS GREGORY'S DEBUT IN THE SERIES

McCORMICK'S RETURN TO GAME

(By "ADREM")

THE fourth Test Match between England and Australia is scheduled to start at Adelaide to-day. Following England's smashing victories in the first two games, Bradman struck his best form in the third and was mainly responsible for Australia's splendid win by 365 runs. The situation has now become most interesting.

The Aussies will have recovered their lost confidence and will be all out to carry the issue to the final game. If they succeed, it can confidently be predicted that the gate-receipt records, will smashed repeatedly in the course of the last three matches, will reach a mark likely to stand for years.

In keeping with his policy of delaying the selection of his team until the last moment, "Gubby" Allen has not yet announced its composition, but with Wyatt once again fit, it is likely that Worthington will be dropped. This seems to be the answer to England's opening bat problem. Throughout the series Allen has had great difficulty in finding a suitable partner for Barnett, who has performed with extraordinary consistency, and Wyatt, a dour rather than brilliant performer, should fit the role admirably.

TO-MORROW'S BIG RUGBY MATCH

Many Military Stars Missing

It is interesting to note that the majority of the Army's best Rugby players will be missing from to-morrow's friendly match between the Combined Services and the Club, the Navy supplying most of the talent. The probable reason for this is that the Military are at present having their annual training camp.

There will be two matches against the Club, both taking place at Sookumpo, and the first will commence at 2.45 p.m. and will be followed by the big game at 4 p.m.

The following are three of the teams:

Combined Services First XV: — S. P. A. Beyman; A. B. Northcott; S. B. Li; Gordon; Li; MacLagan and Fus. Floyd; Lt. Harv. and Lt. North Lewis; Lt. Linco; Cpl. Harrison; Fins. Morgan; Capt. Allespie and Lt. S. Evans; O. A. Dyer; Marine Miford and E. A. Holland.

Combined Services Second XV: — Pay. Sub. Lt. Rostrane; L/Cpl. Jones; Lt. Davenport; E. R. A. Doherty and Lt. Eustace; L/Cpl. Lewis and Lt. Condr. Dewar; L/Cpl. Bobb; Fins. Watkins; Fins. Chaney; Gnr. Wright; Lt. S. Fuge; E. A. Lynch; Lt. Sketchley and A. B. Davies.

Club First XV: — J. P. Whitham; G. K. Chadwick; H. Bidwell; W. E. Grieve; A. K. Munro; A. H. R. Butter and J. L. Bonner; A. F. Walker and W. E. Peers; E. P. Humphreys; L. H. Bradford; A. W. Holden; B. G. M. Deane; K. A. Watson and J. A. Bedman.

Club "A" XV: — M. H. Curtis; D. Hynes; I. S. Forbes; B. J. Gallagher; H. van Leeuwen; J. Hutchinson (Captain); J. R. Henderson; T. H. Pratt; W. H. Currie; W. R. N. Andrews; R. Leigh; I. G. Dalziel; H. W. E. Heath; T. Swan; A. F. Russell.

C.B.S. SOCCER WIN OVER R.R. BOYS

MILITARY TEAM LACK SPEED

In a friendly soccer game played at the Central British School yesterday afternoon, the School first eleven beat the Royal Ulster Rifles' Boys by two clear goals in an interesting encounter.

The exchanges were of a fairly even nature, but the schoolboys had the edge over their opponents in speed, and this told in the long run.

W. G. Pryde and A. Keown were prominent for the School, and continually broke through the Rifles' Boys' defence, making the two openings in the first half from which N. J. Booker and E. Stone scored the only goals of the match. Mr. W. Mulcahy, in the School's full-back division, gave a good display.

It will be interesting to see if wholesale changes are made in the England team. In view of the large score compiled by the Australians in their second innings, the attack was evidently not all it should have been, but with Bradman in form I am inclined to think that any bowler in the world would have proved ineffective.

Pleasing Feature

The most pleasing feature of the Australian selections, as announced, is the reinstatement of Chipperfield. When he was dropped for the Melbourne Test, many followers of the game expressed surprise. He has not been credited with any startling performances in the games so far played, but has invariably given of his best when his side was in difficulty.

The following is the provisional programme for the visitors:

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February 10.—Practice on the Navy ground in the morning.

February 11.—Interport game, Hong Kong v. Shanghai at Causeway Bay. Evening free.

February 12.—Trip round the Island. Tea Dance at the Repulse Bay. Evening free.

February 13.—Shanghai v. Chinese, Caroline Hill. Chinese Dinner.

February 14.—Visitors will watch the Chinese Interport game at Caroline Hill between South China and Eastern China or, if preferred, the Kwantung Races.

February 15.—Shanghai v. Combined Services, at Sookumpo ground. Interport Dinner at the Hong Kong Hotel.

February 16.—Free.

February 17.—Trip round the Mainland and tiffin at the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. Evening free.

February 18.—Departure of Shanghai team by the s.s. Naldera.



Walter Hammond, above, is the most consistent scorer in the England Test team to meet Australia to-day.

COMING INTERPORT FOOTBALL

SHANGHAI TEAM AT H. K. HOTEL

EVERY COMFORT FOR VISITORS

No pains have been spared by the Hong Kong Football Association to make the short stay of the Shanghai Interport football team as pleasant as possible and an elaborate programme of entertainment has been arranged.

The visitors will stay at the Hong Kong Hotel on this occasion, and not at the Peninsula Hotel, as in previous years, thus saving much inconvenience in travelling to the different fields.

It is probable that the visitors will also attend the Ladies' Interport dance, if such a function is arranged, as they did last year.

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H.K.C.C. CRICKET TEAMS

To-morrow's Matches

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club against the Indian Recreation Club tomorrow, commencing at 2 p.m.:

1st XI at Sookumpo (Friendly): A. W. Hayward (Capt.), T. E. Pearce, P. Marshall, G. A. Stewart, H. Owen Hughes, R. L. Holden, A. C. L. Bowker, H. B. Neve, E. L. D. Wood, H. W. Raines and R. M. Wood.

2nd XI H.K.C.C. ground (League): A. K. Mackenzie (Capt.), W. Wooding, W. Stoker, P. C. Frost, H. A. Murray, N. P. Fox, V. C. Bond, R. E. Murray, F. A. Dumett, J. R. Way and C. E. Galagan.

1st XI at Sookumpo (Friendly): E. G. Chipperfield, and R. Gregory.

Probable England Team

Adelaide. To-day.

The probable players in the English team for the fourth Test Match here are: G. O. Allen, R. E. S. Wyatt, R. V. Robins, Hammond, Bannister, Barnett, Page, Leyland, Verity, Jones and Annex.

Adelaide. To-day. The gallant "Aussies" will win this match and so level the score.

Australia's team for the Fourth Test has been selected as follows:

B. G. Bradman, W. A. Brown, J. H. Pledger, S. J. McCabe, E. L. McCullum, W. J. O'Reilly, W. A. Oldfield, R. R. Smith.

ROOTY HILL DERBY PROSPECTS ARE REVIEWED

LANCASHIRE CHIPS AND AZTEC IMPRESS

NOGGIN A REAL DARK HORSE

(By "RAPIER")

AS far as the Australian subscription griffins of this season are concerned, main interest will be centred round the Classic event, the Rooty-Hill Derby, which will be contested on February 23 next. The new arrivals have indulged in some fast work during the past week, and while it is no easy problem at this stage to spot the likely winner, I shall not be far wrong in saying that Aztec, belong to Mrs. L. Dunbar, will be hard to beat. Powerfully built, with an easy movement, this pony is practically the same type as Strathroy.

On Sunday, January 17, Aztec was clocked at 1.26.2 for three-quarters of a mile, and was well held in returning 28 secs. over the last quarter. On Sunday last it created a very satisfactory impression among "rail fans" by turning in 1.57.2 for the mile, when its last quarter was done in 27.2 without being fully extended. It will thus be seen that Mrs. Dunbar has a first class animal from which much may be expected.

Not having been fortunate in past seasons with Australian ponies, especially when in 1934 Princess Angeline proved a decided failure, Mrs. Dunbar should feel thoroughly satisfied with Aztec. It will be ridden by Mr. L. G. Frost, and I predict that this pony will fully extend Strathroy and Able Amazon whenever they meet.

The next pony of importance is Lancashire Chips, owned by "Mr. Lancashire," who is none other than jovial Mr. A. Bower. This beautiful looking chestnut, I understand, will be under the control of Mr. H. C. Pib. It was taken out by him for a 1.1/4 mile spin on January 23, which was accomplished in 30.2 but its last quarter of 30.2 was not too impressive. It will certainly prove dangerous over sprint events and up to a mile, and may possibly carry off one of the Sydney Maidens.

Dick Turpin's Progress

Dick Turpin, belonging to Mrs. Eu Tong-sen is another fine animal. It took 2.40.2 for a 1.1/4 mile run, with a last quarter of (Continued on Page 3)

MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON

C.R.C. Should Beat Kowloon Tong

GOOD MATCH AT KING'S PARK

Suen May Travel With Team

At a meeting of the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation yesterday evening, it was revealed that the Eastern Chinese team would arrive in the Colony for their Interport game against the South China eleven on February 14, by the Empress of Asia on Thursday, February 11.

An important decision was arrived at when Dr. S. To-sung, the South China's representative on the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association, and one of the selections of the Interport team, were appointed Football Secretary of the Federation.

No names of those making the trip were mentioned in the letter, but it is understood that "Dicky" Chen is unable to obtain the necessary leave. Suen May, while unable to obtain the long leave necessary to play for the Shanghai Interport team, will in all probability be coming down with the Chinese team.

Bonello "B" will entertain the Free Lances in a return match. Speculation is, however, rife as to which team will secure the necessary points in order to secure second place in the League table.

TO-NIGHT'S MATCHES

Recchio "A" v. Free Lances

University "B" v. St. John's

Chinese E.C. v. Kowloon Tong

THE DAVIS CUP COMPETITION OF THE FUTURE

Holders' Exemption From Early Rounds

SUGGESTED CHANGES BY MR. CLIFFORD WEBB

NEED FOR DIPLOMACY

THE Davis Cup competition of the future may differ in some important details from the Davis Cup of the present and the past. Some of the suggested changes put forward by Mr. Clifford Webb, in the London "Daily Herald" have the merit of cosmopolitanism rather than parochialism. These may also be prophetic as given below:

Behind the Davis Cup competition there is, and always has been, a muttering and a fluttering of slight resentment against certain features of the annual international lawn tennis tournament. But the feeling is growing that this exemption of the holders from all rounds, except the challenge round, is neither good for the competition nor for the game generally.

There was a time when the holders of the Wimbledon singles championships were not called on to play through the competition. That soon came to an end, when it was realised that the rule kept the most attractive player out of the competition until the last day. And that is precisely what some of the tennis nations have been thinking about the Davis Cup.

In some of the European countries where it is extremely difficult to get sufficient spectators to pay expenses — even for early round matches — it is felt that to be drawn against the holders in the first round would, at least, provide home tennis enthusiasts with one attractive tie.

Robbed Of Interest

The frequency with which nations win the Davis Cup three, four, or even five years in succession is quoted to prove the difficulties of challengers. Long sequences of wins for any one nation are apt to rob the competition of much of its international interest.

But that isn't all. I hear that the most startling proposal yet made in connection with the Davis Cup is to be placed before the responsible committee in the near future.

Best Twelve

It is this. Entries should be limited to, say, 12, and the whole competition decided during a fortnight's tournament at one specified centre.

A rota would be drawn up, and the competition given to each of the big cities in turn — London, New York, Paris, Berlin, Sydney, for example.

With three or four courts available, it is considered that the whole competition could easily be got through in a fortnight, beginning and ending on a Saturday, or a Sunday as the case may be.

It is argued that such a concentrated carnival of the best men's tennis in the world could not fail to attract big crowds. The receipts would be pooled and equally shared after expenses have been paid.

Bad System

Long and weary wanderings from one country to another would be avoided, as would long lapses between rounds and the strain imposed on players by participation in various national championships, followed immediately by long trips to play off a Davis Cup tie in some other country.

We had an instance of that last year, when the Germans had to race from Wimbledon to middle Europe for a Davis Cup tie, and then back to Wimbledon for the inter-zone final with the Australians.

That was a bad arrangement, and there are bound to be many such bad arrangements under the present system.

TENNIS CARNIVAL AT K.C.C.

GERMAN TEAM FROM CANTON

TWO-DAY MATCH

The two-day visit of a tennis team from the Deutscher Garten Klub at Tungshan (Canton) will be the feature of the Chinese New Year holidays at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

The tennis programme will comprise 18 matches — seven men's singles, three ladies' singles, three men's doubles, two ladies' doubles and three mixed doubles.

The following players will be invited to turn out for the K.C.C.: Messrs. E. C. Fincher, S. A. Gray, A. W. Ramsey, R. S. Capell, A. G. Philpotts, W. W. Hirst and V. Freeman, Miss M. Griffiths, Miss A. Mackenzie, and Miss R. Perry.

Last year, playing practically the same team, the K.C.C. sent a side to Tungshan and succeeded in winning the event by one point.

JACK CRAWFORD FAILS

Australian Tennis Championship

Sydney, January 28.—In the Australian Championships, quarter-final Hopman beat Quist, the holder, by 11-9, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.

In the semi-finals John Bromwich, an amiable and unorthodox youngster, who will probably be chosen for the Davis Cup team, beat Jack Crawford, 6-1, 7-9, 6-1, 8-6.

Crawford's brilliance was unavailing against Bromwich's steadiness, and the match lasted two and a half hours. In the other semi-final McGrath beat Hopman, 6-4, 6-1, 7-5. —*Review*.

D.B.S. CRICKET WIN

Central British Again Defeated

In their return cricket match between Central British School and the Diocesan Boys' School, on the former's ground, the latter were again successful.

C.R.S. 42 (C. Suter 15, P. Stoen 12, Crary 5, T. 22, Fisher 2 for 5, White 3 for 7). D.B.S. 185 (F. Lay 42, reduced to 120, D. R. 26, D. T. 26, W. Lee 10, Greenwood 4 for 63, Street 2 for 19).

HOME RUGGER

London, To-day.

Several friendly Rugby encounters were played at Home yesterday. The Royal Air Force beating Leicester in an away fixture by 16 points to 4, while at Newport Monmouthshire beat Glamorgan in a Welsh trial, by 11 points to 9.

In the only Rugby County Championship match, the East Midlands proved too strong for Warwickshire, winning by 14 points to 11. —*Review*.



H. Roger Barrett, England's non-playing captain in the Davis Cup series, is seen above holding the famous trophy with H. W. "Bunny" Austin, Fred J. Perry (now a professional), G. P. Hughes and H. G. N. Lee smilingly acknowledging the cheering of the crowds outside the All-England Tennis Club.

RAKUSEN BEATS LAU

ONLY 21 POINTS DIFFERENCE

HIGHEST BREAK OF 27

M. N. Rakusen's steadiness was mainly responsible for his win by 500 points to 479 over M. K. Lau in the First Round of the Colony Senior Billiards Championship at Club Lusitano last evening.

The winner led the lead from start to finish and at one stage of the game he was leading by over 60 points. Lau, who displayed some brilliant strokes, gradually improved his game.

Rakusen's best breaks were a 27 and three 22's, while the loser's were a 22 and a 27.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

At the Engineers' Institute, A. Montalbano beat K. F. Tai by 300 points to 230, the latter recording the highest break of the match, a 32, against the winner's 23.

There were no outstanding breaks chalked up in the match between M. A. Baptista and C. Wellington at the South China Athletic Association. The former won the game by 300 points to 221.

TWO JUNIOR BILLIARDS GAMES TO-NIGHT

F. J. A. Marques will meet Ma Chun-man in the Junior Division of the Open Billiards Championship this evening, at the Catholic Union Club, and in the only other game in this division, W. Wong encounters J. C. Remedios at the Civil Service Cricket Club.

WELSH RUGGER FIFTEEN

Seven Changes For The Scottish Match

THREE NEW CAPS

London, To-day. Following their disastrous start in the Rugby International series on January 16, when they lost to England by a dropped goal (4 points) to 2 try (3 points), Wales have made seven changes for their next match, against Scotland, at Swansea to-morrow week.

Three new "caps," Hopkins, Travers and H. Rees, being included in the team.

The following is the Welsh team:

Jones (Aberavon); Hopkin (Newport); J. L. Rees (Swansea); W. Wooller (Cardiff); H. P. Clements (Llanelli); H. Tanner (Swansea); and Morris (Swansea); Travers (Newport); Williams (Cross Keys); and T. J. Rees (Newport); H. Thomas (Neath); H. Rees (Cardiff); Watkins (Cardiff); E. Long (Swansea) and A. M. Rees (London Welsh).

The Scottish team has been selected as follows:

Kerr (Merthyr); Johnson (Rhondda); Dick (Guy's Hospital), Merke (St. Andrew's University); E. W. Shaw (Glasgow High School); Rose (Hillhead); Logan (Edinburgh University); Henderson (Dundee); Grey (Glasgow); A. M. O'Brien (Harrow); Kome (Cambridge University); Waters (Selby); and G. D. Shaw (Glasgow).

McKee (Merton); McRae (London Scottish); McRae (Army); and McRae (Glasgow). —*Review*.

INTER-CLUB PING-PONG ENCOUNTER

CONFUCIAN SCTY. BEAT Y.M.C.A.

CHINESE IN CLASS OF THEIR OWN

(By "REFEREE")

An excellent exhibition of Ping-Pong (table-tennis) was given by members of the Confucian Society last night in the West Lounge of the European Y.M.C.A., when they beat the home team by 14 matches to nil.

The Chinese visitors were very much in a class of their own, having a much wider range of strokes, while their smashing and retrieving shots were brilliantly executed.

J. L. Anderson was the only member of the home team to fully extend one of the visitors, taking S. H. Poon to 20 all (deuce), but lost in the play off. He was very steady throughout, but was unable to smash through his opponent's defence, which was rocklike.

Exhibition Match

Following the inter-Club affair, S. F. Poon and S. N. Siu gave an exhibition match of two sets of 21 up, and provided an eye-opener for the home team, who had rarely seen anything like the play which followed.

Both the Chinese visitors were playing well back from the table and the recoveries from force and backhand smashes were marvelous. One thing struck me immediately, and that was that none of them resorted to the twist service, relying much more on speed.

Results were:

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COLONY BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Programme For Next Week

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GOLF STARTING TIMES

Pairings For Fanling Next Sunday

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling next Sunday:

OLD COURSE

9.12 a.m. A. HayEdie, S. C. Feltham

9.20 " K. S. Robertson, G. S. Chambers

9.24 " R. L. S. Webb, N. P. Fox

9.28 " H. M. Alexander, W. Sharp

9.32 " A. M. Mack, F. A. M. Elliott

9.36 " A. D. Humphreys, I. H. Geare

9.40 " S. H. Dodwell, A. E. Lissaman

9.44 " K. S. Morrison, R. Haincock

9.48 " A. Corrigan, E. L. Groom

9.52 " A. Nicol, A. Anderson

9.56 " W. Hewitt, H. Ireland

10.00 " C. Mycock, H. N. Williamson

10.04 " R. K. Valentine, A. C. I. Bowker

10.08 " I. W. Grieve, B. Young

10.12 " D. J. Gilmore, R. K. M. Simpson

10.16 " Col. Blake, A. K. MacKenzie

10.20 " D. J. Keogh, R. C. Webb

10.24 " P. & O. Bank, National City Bank

10.28 " G. T. May, J. C. Dunbar

10.32 " Capt. Michael, N. K. Littlejohn

10.36 " W. J. S. Key, A. H. McBride

10.40 " W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy

10.44 " R. H. Griffiths, W. K. Robinson

10.48 " J. L. Bonnar, J. H. M. Andrew

10.52 " C. G. Agnew, J. A. Cooper

10.56 " W. N. A. Smalley, J. Harrop

11.00 " D. L. Probert, A. W. Brown

11.04 " E. G. Smith, Wright, Lt. Col. Dr. Waymouth

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THE GOVERNOR

There remains nothing but to accept the inevitable and rejoice in the freest spirit, with Sir Andrew Caldecott in his preferment. The Secretary of State for the Colonies has replied to the Colony's appeal against the loss of its Governor in precisely the manner expected, with a stress upon the responsibilities that will rest upon His Excellency's shoulders in Ceylon that brooks of no further venture into discussion.

The Colony has paid its tribute and has done its best to serve its own interests. But it has to be recognised that the tribute of the Colonial Office was a greater one from the time when the appointment was made, and that tribute has hardly been diminished by Mr. Ormsby-Gore's reference to reasons of high public policy removing all question of reconsideration of the decision.

The situation, unhappy as it may be for Hong Kong, however reluctantly the Colony may make concession to the broader view of the Colonial Office, is perhaps best expressed by the observation that a strange paradox would arise were the Governor's unqualified success to stand in the way of his advancement.

That Tiger

Tigers, it would seem, reverse the terms of the well-known homily, and, in the midst of death take a lively interest in molesting the villagers of Taiwaichuen.

There have been rumours for several days of a malicious mauling of two hapless inhabitants of the New Territories, but for some, perhaps inexplicable, reason, no information has reached official quarters, the police stations, for example.

Policemen are, of course, notoriously matter of fact individuals, cynical and sceptical, both lacking in a sense of dramatic values, and having nothing of the picturesque, even of a stripey flavour, in their make-up. One can well conceive, while deplored, a sublime indifference among them to any attempt, however worthy, to resurrect Mr. Tiger, who, with sincere lamentations, was pronounced dead only a week or two ago.

For our part, we have already expressed our sympathy in the matter of the serious blow felt by intrepid adventurers along the hillpaths of the Territories by reason of the untimely demise of Kowloon's far-famed tiger. Thus does the spirit of venture die within the human (and/or hiker's) breast. Earnest attempts to restore that zest that placid feeling of derring-do, should not be misunderstood, but given appropriate credit as a public service.

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With changed ideas have come changes in habits. He still smokes cigarettes, rather than a pipe; he no longer wears a beard or flowing moustache; he is tattooed, but not so fulsomely or so ubiquitously. He is educated. He can sign his own articles. Only in two ways does he respect tradition: he likes his liquor, and he likes it neat; and he has his girl in "Cape Stiff," the sailor's slang, at least several ports.

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Egypt Loosens the Old Bonds

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Cairo Cameo

THANKS to the Italian activities in Abyssinia, Egypt has at last won terms of political independence from Great Britain which would have been unthinkable only two years ago. Nearly

every political fetter which up to now has made a mockery of its independence has been struck off in the new Anglo-Egyptian treaty. In the new era which the treaty opens for Egypt its independence will be subject to only one political curb: Hereafter its alliance with Britain will constitute a part of its fundamental law, acting as a check on its foreign relations in times of peace and giving British military authorities the power of a senior ally in time of war. This may be described as independence

on the Iraq model. According to the treaty, the British Army is to evacuate Cairo and Alexandria and retire to the Suez Canal as soon as Egypt can build for it a new base near Ismailia. At the canal it is to remain for the purpose of defence in co-operation with Egyptian forces. All British officers are in due time to leave the Egyptian Army and police. For military purposes Egypt agrees to use only British advisers, but on its own terms. For other purposes British advisers are to be "generally preferred."

John Bull & Cleopatra On these terms the relations of John Bull and Cleopatra have been regularised, after fifty years, by an alliance with partial independence. According to the treaty the British flag is to be hauled down from Cairo's great Citadel when the British soldiers leave, and the green flag of Egypt, with its white crescent and stars, is to be hoisted in its place.

So the crescent will return to the Citadel of Saladin and Mohammed Ali. At the same time the British garrisons are to march out of the ugly red and yellow barracks by the Kasr-el-Nil bridge out of the Abbassia barracks on the edge of the desert to the northeast of Cairo where Arabi himself surrendered to the British. Since that day the Cromers and Kitchener have got Egypt out of pawn to its European bondholders and have made it immensely wealthy. Everything in this advice.

That Tiger Before the World War Britain had no trouble in bringing their future ally, the Egyptian soldier, back to the form he had on the battlefields of the Sudan. Since the war, their fear that he for awhile, may enjoy the view of the world "go political" has brought about a reversal in their attitude. Under a British influence it is not too blinding to take the considerable delicacy.

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This most important ex-

There are a million people crowded beneath that wilderness of roof-tops, and at sunset their tanks, mostly hired transport merrymakers, quavering, quenching the great city into silence.

This in fact, has been directly with the barking of dogs, the responsible for the new Anglo-Egyptian treaty. Whatever un- kites wheeling in the cloudy sky. The gleaming gray Nile, Autumn may have occasioned in the palms and white Egyptian Monroe Doctrine of their worst fright than it had had since through the centre of that in- World War. The rate at which the British poured reinforcements into the country brought from Saikara to the point of the alarmingly memories of 1914. You can see the little fields and of the seven years of British cultivation green which border it on its way through the yellow martial law which ensued—an experience which Egypt has never wanted to repeat. Once this fright got hold of Egyptians, it was pretty certain that they would take a share in their own defence by building up their army into something more than the decorative force to which the British had restricted it. "After what's happened now, how are you going to stop them?" the British asked each other last Winter. And under all the circumstances nobody quite knew what the answer was. The answer now proves to be the new treaty, which authorises Egypt to modernise its army.

On Three Sides

When the treaty is in full effect Britain will content themselves with enclosing Egypt on three sides—in the Mediterranean, on the canal, and in the Sudan, though Egypt will have a voice in the whole of the treaty into effect regard to the last-named area. Barracks for 10,000 British troops from their base at Ismailia, they and 400 air pilots have to be built will command a series of strategic roads and railways specially built to enable them to reach any part to be laid down to give the troops of Egypt at the slightest suspicion speedy access from the new base of an approaching attack from any part of Egypt that may be without. British ships will continue to carry Egyptian cotton to the Liverpool market and Egypt will be restored to its old fighting train. Loans will continue to be floated, so that in time of imminent menace of war or an apprehended international emergency it will be useful under British naval and air base—from the Libyan frontier and at the rich lowlands of the Sudan from the mountains of Ethiopia.

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After a half century of British rule, Egypt still has one of the most illiterate populations and one of the highest death- rates in the world. About 180,000 Egyptians now become liable to military service annually. Of this number only about 3,500 are actually accepted by the army—a significant indication of the disease and corruption which lie beneath the wealthy surface of modern Egypt.

Egypt's Health

Egyptians say that the abolition of the fiscal capitations and the taxation of foreigners on the same basis as Egyptians would mean an added revenue of \$20,000,000 a year. Part of this would be absorbed by the expanded Egyptian Army. More of it, it is said, would be devoted to the social betterment for which the great Zaghul Pasha fought to the end of his life.

U.S. PILGRIMS TO CONGRESS

Large Party In "Japan" This Morning

Under the leadership of Bishop Edward F. Hoban, 210 pilgrims to the Thirty-Third Eucharistic Congress arrived aboard the R.M.S. Empress of Japan this morning.

Some 180 will transfer to the Empress of Russia, visiting San-cian Island, en route to Manila, P.I.

Bishop Cassidy of Fall River, Mass.; Bishop Heelan of Sioux City, Iowa; Bishop Vear of Denver, Colorado; Bishop Stephen Alencastre of Honolulu; Rev. Father James M. Gillis, C.S.P., of New York; and 35 Monsignors and Priests from almost every part of the United States and Canada, are in the party.

During the voyage, the verandah cafe of the "Empress" was converted into a Chapel, with all the features and devotions to be found in any parish church. Daily Mass, lectures, Benediction and other services have prepared the travellers for the spectacular pageant in the Philippines.

HONG KONG HOTEL BALL

St. John Ambulance Function

The St. John Ambulance annual ball, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, C.M.G., C.B.E., Kt., G.St.J., and Lady Caldecott, will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel on February 12, the second day of the Chinese New Year.

Vice-Patrons are:—H.E. the G.O.C. Major General Batholomew, Rear Admiral C. G. Sedgwick, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Brigadier General H. G. Seth Smith D.S.O., Colonel H. C. Harrison D.S.O., Colonel H. H. Blake, Lt. Colonel W. A. Frost, O.B.E., R.A.M.C., Surgeon Capt. G. D. G. Fergusson, Sir Atholl Macgregor, Wing Commander Bishop, Sir William Hornell, Sir Showson Chow, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chan, V. M. Grayburn Esq., A. B. Breatley Esq., S. Dodwell Esq., J. A. Mitchell Esq., Tang Shui Kin Esq., M.B.E., O.St.J., Kwok Chan Esq., Fung Kong Un Esq., Li Jow-Son Esq., Yip Kwong Hung Esq., Kwok Wing Wang Esq., Ip Lan Chuen Esq., Chan Man Chi Esq., O.St.J., Ip Kwai Chung S.B.St.J., Fung Ki Cheuk Esq.

There will be an English and Chinese Cabaret and several of the artistes are new to the Hong Kong Public. The Cabaret includes Exhibition Dancing—English and Chinese, and humorous items. Tickets are \$5 (including dinner) and may be obtained from Hong Kong Hotel or St. John Ambulance Headquarters.

GOVERNS WITH A STICK

A man who rules 1,500 natives in twenty-three islands with a stick, has arrived in England from the Cocos Islands—with his stick.

He is Mr. Sidney Clunies Ross, and he has come from the South Pacific on holiday.

The famous stick, of polished wood, is about 3ft. in length.

It is a symbol of his authority, and he frequently uses it to assert his power over any of his "subjects" who prove unruly.

There are no police or prisons in the twenty-three islands over which Mr. Ross holds sway.

"I do not find it difficult to control them," Mr. Ross said. "Through my mother, who was a member of a Malayan tribe, I am their natural head—and the head of the tribe can do no wrong."

Mr. Ross, who is half Scot and half Malayan, was born in the Cocos Islands, where his family has lived for generations. In 1886 Queen Victoria granted the family a charter, which was in effect a lease for 999 years.

Copra is the islands' sole industry, and Mr. Ross is a copra trader.

Mr. Ross was met at the docks by his wife. He intends to spend six months in England. His four children are at school in Exeter.

REGENCY BILL NOW OUTLINED

PRINCESS ELIZABETH'S POSITION MADE QUITE CLEAR

SECOND READING NEXT WEEK IN HOUSE

The text of the Regency Bill, the second reading of which will be moved by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on Tuesday next, is issued.

The reasons for introduction of the Bill were indicated in Royal message to both Houses of Parliament this week.

The Bill sets up machinery for the performance of royal function by a Regent in the name and on behalf of the sovereign in certain circumstances and for the delegation of royal functions to Counsellors of State in certain other circumstances.

Next In Line

The Bill proposes that in the event of a Regency being necessary, the Regent will be the person next in line of succession to the Crown and not disqualified. A person shall be disqualified if he is not a British subject of full age and resident in the United Kingdom, or is a person who would, under Section Two of the Act of Settlement, be incapable of inheriting, possessing and enjoying the Crown.

Section Three of the Act of Settlement shall apply in case of the Regent as it applies in the case of the Sovereign. If any person who would at the commencement of the Regency have become Regent, but for fact that he was not then of full age, becomes of full age, he shall, if he is not otherwise disqualified, thereupon become Regent. There will be a Regent, firstly, when the sovereign is under 18 at the time of his accession, and the Regent will perform all royal functions until the sovereign attains the age of 18, and, secondly, during any period when the sovereign has been declared to be suffering from infirmity of mind or body which renders him wholly incapable of performing royal functions.

Counsellors Of State

If during the Regency the Regent himself becomes wholly incapacitated by infirmity of mind or body, the person next in line of succession to the Throne, who is not disqualified, will become Regent. The terms of the Bill dealing with the appointment of a Regent in the event of the sovereign's infirmity provide:—"If the following persons, or any three or more of them, namely, the wife or husband of the sovereign, the person who, excluding any persons disqualified, is next in line of succession, the Lord Chancellor, the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Lord Chief Justice of England, or the Master of the Rolls, declare in writing that they are satisfied on the evidence of physicians or otherwise, that the sovereign is, by reason of infirmity of mind or body, wholly incapable for the time being of performing royal functions, then, until it is declared in like manner that His Majesty was so far recovered in health as to warrant the resumption of royal functions, those functions shall be performed in the name and on behalf of the sovereign by the Regent. The declaration under his section of the Bill shall be made to the Privy Council and communicated to the Governments of His Majesty's Dominions and to the Government of India".

In Case Of Absence

The Bill further proposes that the sovereign, or, during the Regency, the Regent, may, in order to prevent, delay or difficulty in the despatch of public business, by Letters Patent delegate to the Councillors of State such of the royal functions as may be specified in the circumstances indicated, namely, firstly, the illness of the sovereign or Regent, not amounting to such infirmity of mind or body as renders him wholly incapable of performing royal functions, and secondly, the absence or intended absence of the sovereign or Regent from the United Kingdom. Such delegation of powers is to continue only for the period of the illness or absence.—British Wireless.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

In reply to a question in the Commons as to whether legislation was contemplated to amend the Act of Settlement with a view to making it clear that Princess Elizabeth is the sole heir to the Throne and does not share it jointly with her sister on the analogy of Peerage Law, Sir John Simon said there was no doubt that, in the present circumstances, Princess Elizabeth would succeed to the Throne as the sole Heir.—British Wireless.

Peace Prize For Roosevelt?

Havana, To-day.

The Cuban Cabinet yesterday approved a motion to nominate President Roosevelt and Senor Cucia, President of Cuba, as candidates for the 1937 Peace Prize, for their work at the recent Buenos Aires Peace Conference. —Reuter.

"JOHN BUCHAN" TO VISIT WASHINGTON

Good Neighbour Call Being Returned

Ottawa, To-day.

It is learned here on good authority that the Governor-General, Lord Tweedsmuir, is planning a short visit to Washington after the Easter holidays.

The visit will be a return of President Roosevelt's "good neighbour" call to Quebec last summer, and Lord Tweedsmuir will be the first Canadian Governor-General to officially visit the President of the United States during his term of office.—Reuter.

New Curriculum

Now we are hoping to change this. The new School Certificate Examination, run by the Education Office and to be held for the first time this year, will not qualify for matriculation. A winner of this certificate wishing to enter the University will have to continue his studies at school for at least another year. This, we hope, will enable the schools to devote themselves to their proper task which, in my opinion, is to provide a training ground for citizenship and a preparation for life. To do this we want a less specialised and more comprehensive curriculum. Subject need to be rethought and re-valued and the examination fitters considerably loosened. But I must here warn my business friends, so pungent in their criticism of the old system, not to expect us to provide ready made clerks, accountants, salesmen etc. That is not our job. Moreover it is impossible to frame a curriculum to suit all intellects and all occupations.

RE-ARMAMENT IN POLAND

Four-Year Scheme Is Approved

Warsaw, To-day.

A huge credit amounting to one million zloty, for expenditure on armaments, was voted by the Polish Parliament yesterday.

The amount is to be spread over four years, 250,000,000 zloty being spent each year.—Trans-Ocean.

BERLIN BOURSE

Berlin, To-day.

The share market was in lively mood yesterday although the general investor was not much in evidence.

The renewed activity on the part of operators was explained by their anticipation that on Monday, after the announcement of the new Company Law, the public will be looking for sound investments to utilise money now lying idle.

As the Bourse will be closed on Saturday, settlement for stocks bought on Thursday does not become due till Monday.—Trans-Ocean.

TRAFFIC CASES

\$40 Fine For Brakes Inefficiency

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. R. Marques pleaded guilty on behalf of Mrs. F. Feltham, who is ill, on a summons for driving car No. 405, on January 9 with inefficient brakes and with having no appropriate licence.

Fines of \$40 on the first charge and \$10 on the other were imposed.

Traffic Sergeant Yone said Mrs. Feltham was driving in Des Vaux Road when, near the Cricket Club, she knocked down a Chinese. The man was taken to the Hospital in an unconscious condition and remained so for four or five hours.

He was discharged three days later.

Miss M. A. Moir was fined \$5 for causing an obstruction by leaving her car unattended in Chater Road.

Age Law, Sir John Simon said

there was no doubt that, in the present circumstances, Princess Elizabeth would succeed to the Throne as the sole Heir.—British Wireless.

LOCAL HEADMASTER ON EXAMINATIONS

H.E. THE GOVERNOR AT KING'S COLLEGE PRIZE-GIVING

PARENTAL EDUCATION

"Examinations and examination results are not our be-all and end-all. Most educational authorities now admit that examinations are by no means an infallible test of a pupil's ability. That being so it seems to me all wrong that a boy's whole future should depend (as so often it does) on how he happens to perform in one particular examination. More account should be taken of the lad's school record, his character, his capability for leadership and such like," said Mr. W. Kay, headmaster, in presenting his report at the annual prizegiving of King's College this morning.

In the course of his speech, he added,

"Hitherto the Secondary School has been regarded as an avenue to the University and the professions, and pupils who did not shape well in these directions were frequently written down as failures. But very few of our senior boys enter the University—10 to 15 per cent: yet this small percentage has, more or less, called the tune of the curriculum.

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Citizenship Training

"Manners Maketh Man" is the proud motto of one of England's oldest and greatest schools. It is also a truth whose importance is recognised in many of our newest schools. As I said before, a Secondary School should be a training ground for citizenship, and a preparation for life, and if we hope to make King's College such our aim should be to implant a sense of the value of disciplined effort, an instinct for co-operation, moral integrity, sound physique and a respect for real knowledge."

Governor's Speech

Before presenting the prizes and certificates, His Excellency the Governor said:—

"I have listened to your Headmaster's report with great interest: it contained many points for congratulation but two for sympathy. The first of these was the number of changes among the masters and the second was the frequency of mid-term absence among the boys. As regards the first I can assure you that it is the policy of the Colonial Government to avoid all avoidable changes of personnel. How often they become unavoidable I learned from a bitter experience of staffing problems in the Malay Peninsula; what with retirements, casualties, furloughs, conferences and what not it is the most difficult puzzle I know how to keep the pieces stationary on the chess-board. I am afraid therefore that I can only state the principle of permitting as few changes of personnel as possible and condole with you that, in spite of it, you have suffered so many of them."

Now on the second point, the frequency of mid-term absences among the boys I am going to suggest what may appear a paradox: that it is the business of the sons to educate the parents in this matter. The famous headmaster of my old school, Edward Thring, once found himself up against the evil, not of mid-term absences for Uppingham had no day-boys, but of belated returns from the holiday of boys whose parents detained them on business, or weddings, or funerals, and so on. Thring soon settled this problem by taking the cane and giving a dozen of his

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

H.E. the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, inspected the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home yesterday morning.

A cable addressed to Muller Kow-loon from Singapore is lying at the Eastern Extension offices.

The s.s. "Tilawa" left Singapore for this Port of the 28th instant and is due here on Wednesday morning next.

A dance will be held by the Kow-loon Cricket Club on Chinese New Year, Thursday, February 11. Tickets can be obtained on application to the Hon. Secretary.

A verdict of death by misadventure was returned yesterday at the inquest on Mrs. Gertrude Ellis Anderson, who was killed in a car crash at Tsun Wan on Christmas Day.

The Royal Army Medical Corps Association dance will be held in the Hotel Cecil at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, when music will be supplied by the Royal Welch Fusiliers band.

Yu Ki, the 14-year-old boy who was the fourth victim of the distressing accident at the junction of Queen's Road West and Pok-fulam Road yesterday, died last night at 7 p.m. His grandfather and two cousins were also killed.

Among passengers who arrived by the R.M.S. "Empress of Japan" were Mr. John MacKnight, of the British American Tobacco Company Ltd., Hong Kong, and his wife. They are returning after leave in Scotland.

Members of the Young People's Society of the Union Church, Kow-loon, were the guests of honour at a social gathering given by St. Andrew's Club in the St. Andrew's Hall last night. Games and dancing formed the principal features of the entertainment, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mr. Lau Kwin-yum, the Chairman of the Overseas Chinese Art Association, recently accepted the invitation of the YMCA, Canton, to make a charitable exhibition of his work for the relief of Suixian. He sent to Canton all his work including Chinese and European paintings, amounting to more than two hundred pieces. It has been arranged for the exhibition to be held at the Bund, the YMCA, Canton, from January 22 to February 1.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Augustus Victor White, an exchange broker of No. 45, Kin-kiang Road, Shanghai, and Miss Louise Brand, who is en route to the Colony by the *SS. Gresham*, has been announced.

Both Poland and Danzig had agreed to his selection and the Admiral had been informed some

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**BANK RATE UP
IN FRANCE**
**PRESSURE ON THE
FRANC**
**LONDON CREDIT
DISCUSSIONS**

Paris, To-day. Mystery continues to surround the negotiations now taking place between the French Government and leading British bankers in London for a loan to help France meet her budget difficulties.

The proposed loan is reliably stated to be in the region of £50,000,000, though rumour has placed it as high as £200,000,000.

The correspondent in London of the "Petit Parisien," a paper which maintains close touch with the Quai d'Orsay, reported last night that he learned from official quarters that the negotiations had at last reached a definite conclusion.

The paper stated that although details of the loan will not be made known till later, the amount granted to the French Government is higher than the earlier conservative estimates.

SHORT-TERM LOAN

On the other hand, the "Figaro" states that £50,000,000 was the sum decided up, the loan to be a short-term one payable before the end of this year, says Trans-Ocean.

Reuter adds that the loan, which is stated to be one of £50,000,000, is expected in well-informed circles in London to be finalised this evening.

BANK RATE RAISED

Paris, To-day. The Bank of France yesterday decided to raise the bank rate from two to four per cent, which is a logical sequel to the statement by M. Vincent Auriol yesterday that the Government would defend the franc against speculative attacks.

It is an orthodox measure of defence against the recent heavy selling of francs, which was due to the belief that the Government might devalue the franc to the lowest permissible limit, corresponding to 112 francs to the Pound.

STATUTE LIMITATIONS

Further relief for the French Treasury is imminently expected in the shape of the British credit of £50,000,000.

The French Treasury, however, is by statute only entitled to borrow a further 2½ milliard francs, and therefore it remains to be seen whether the rise in the bank rate will succeed in allaying the fears concerning the fate of the franc.

INTEREST RATE

Paris, To-day. Simultaneously with the raising of the bank rate, the interest rate on advances on securities has also been raised to five per cent, and on thirty-day credits from two to four per cent. —Trans-Ocean.

**TWO WOMEN
KNOCKED DOWN**

**Castle Peak Road
Accident**

Two Chinese women were involved in a motor-car accident early this morning, when they were knocked down by a private car No. 4045 in Castle Peak Road. One of the women was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital, but her injuries are not of a serious nature. The other was slightly hurt.

According to the driver, he was driving towards Lai Chi Kok. As he was about to pass a bus, which had stopped on the road, the two women had apparently alighted from the bus, walked into the middle of the road, allowing him very little time to pull up.



**PEASANTRY
RESTIVE
IN SPAIN**

**VILLAGE DEFENCE
ORGANISATIONS**

**TERRIFIC RAIN ON
BATTLE FRONT**

Paris, To-day. Unrest among the peasants in the districts of Southern Spain controlled by the Madrid Government has begun to assume alarming proportions during the past few days, according to Rightist press reports.

The peasants are said to have formed "peasants' defence organisations" in the villages around Madrid and Alicante.

Correspondents in Spain of the newspaper "Le Jour" report that clashes between peasants' organisations and the Government militia have taken place.

TORRENTIAL RAIN
While torrential rain on the Madrid front is holding up military operations, considerable activity on the part of the rebels is reported from the southern front, where they have captured two towns.

A message from Barcelona states that buildings in the city are being reconditioned for reception of the Valencia Government, which is expected to arrive in Barcelona shortly. The same source states there is a serious shortage of bread in the town. A similar shortage exists in Catalonia, where long bread queues are formed in the early hours of the morning. —Trans-Ocean.

**IMPERIAL AIR
DEFENCE**

**Sir H. Page-Croft's
Estimate Of Need**

London, To-day. The Empire's position in time of war was again referred to yesterday when Brigadier-General Sir Henry Page-Croft, Conservative member for Bournemouth, stressed the necessity of strengthening Britain's defences, in a public address.

Sir Henry stated that creation of an air force capable of successfully defending the Dominions against hostile attack, was just as important as the maintenance of a home air force equal in strength to the strongest potential enemy.

He estimated that to guarantee the safety of Canada, Australia and India, an air force of 1,000 planes for each country would be required, and for the defence of the various Crown Colonies, from five to ten squadrons for each. —Trans-Ocean.

**CANTON'S MAYOR
RETURNS**

**Development Of Port
At Whampoa**

Mr. Tseng Yang-fu, Mayor of

Canton and concurrently Director of Whampoa Port Development,

arrived at Hong Kong from Shanghai by R. M. S. Empress of Japan this morning. He will return to Canton this afternoon. He has been in Nanking for a month

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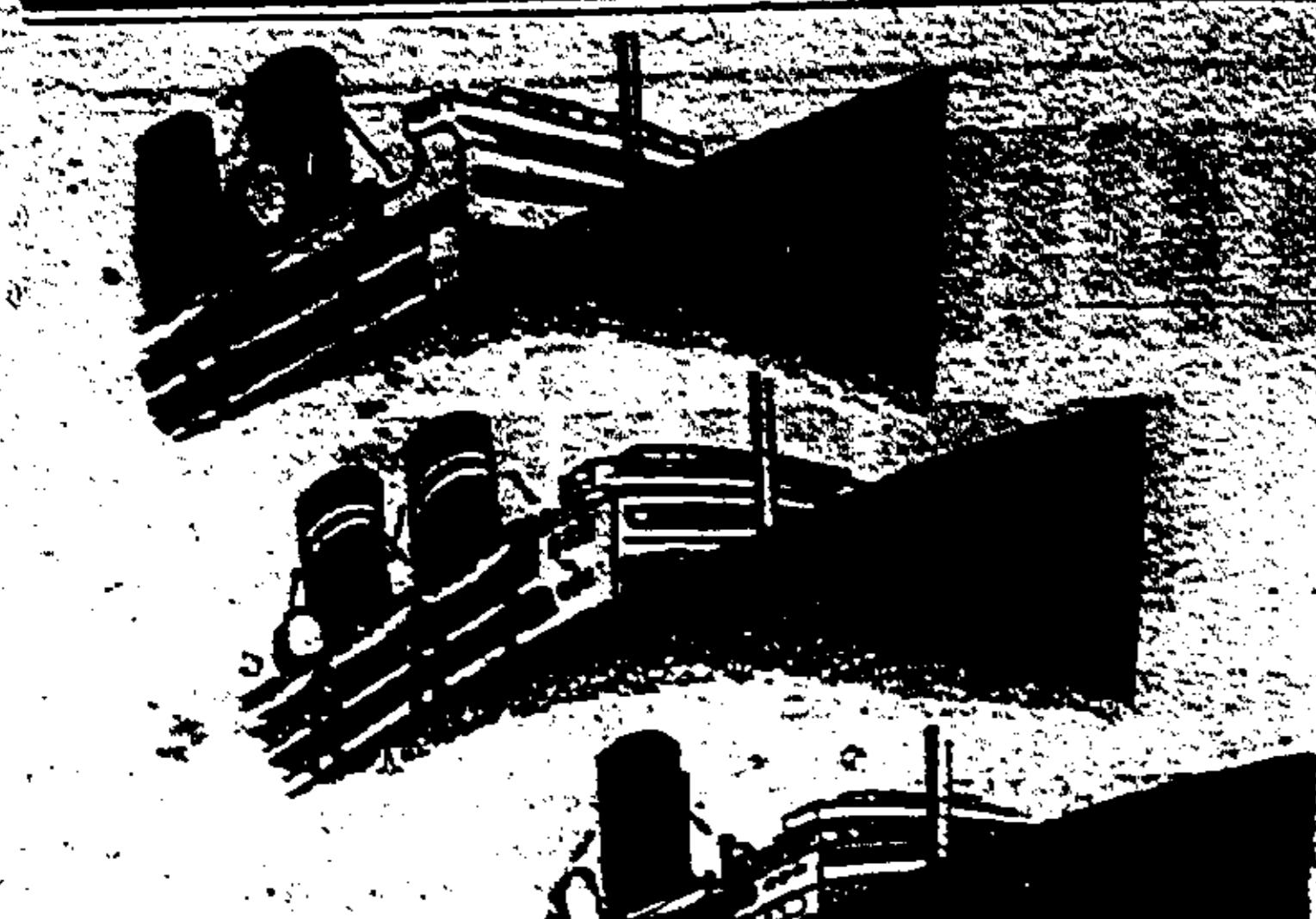
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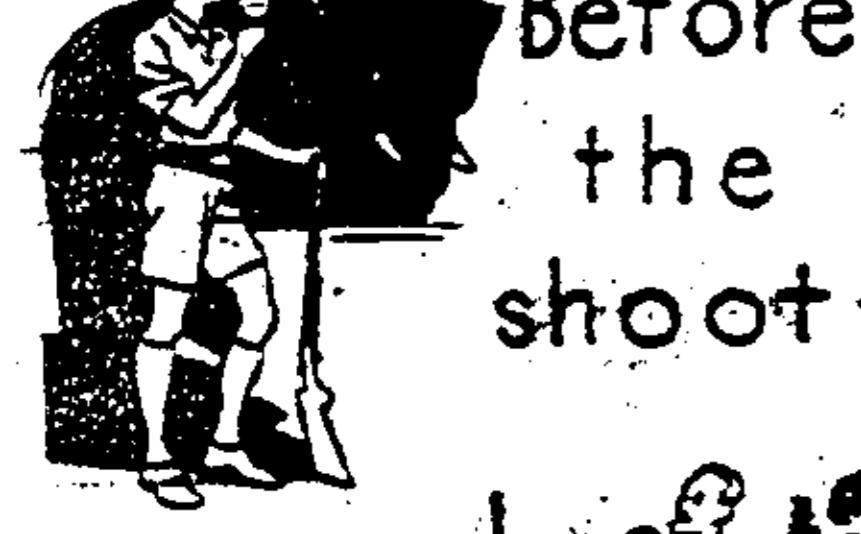
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Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY,
the 5th February, 1937, at 11 a.m.
for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors together
with a Statement of Accounts for
the year ended 31st December,
1936.

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By Order of the Board of
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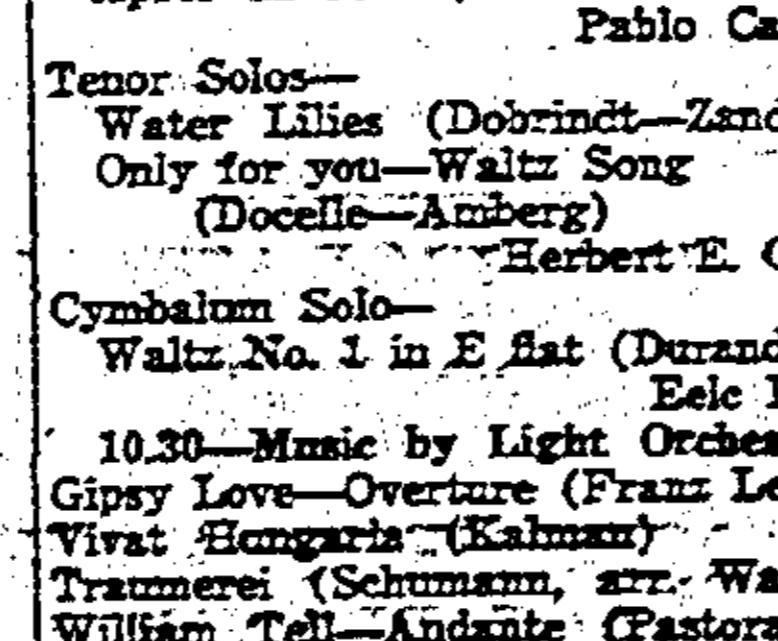
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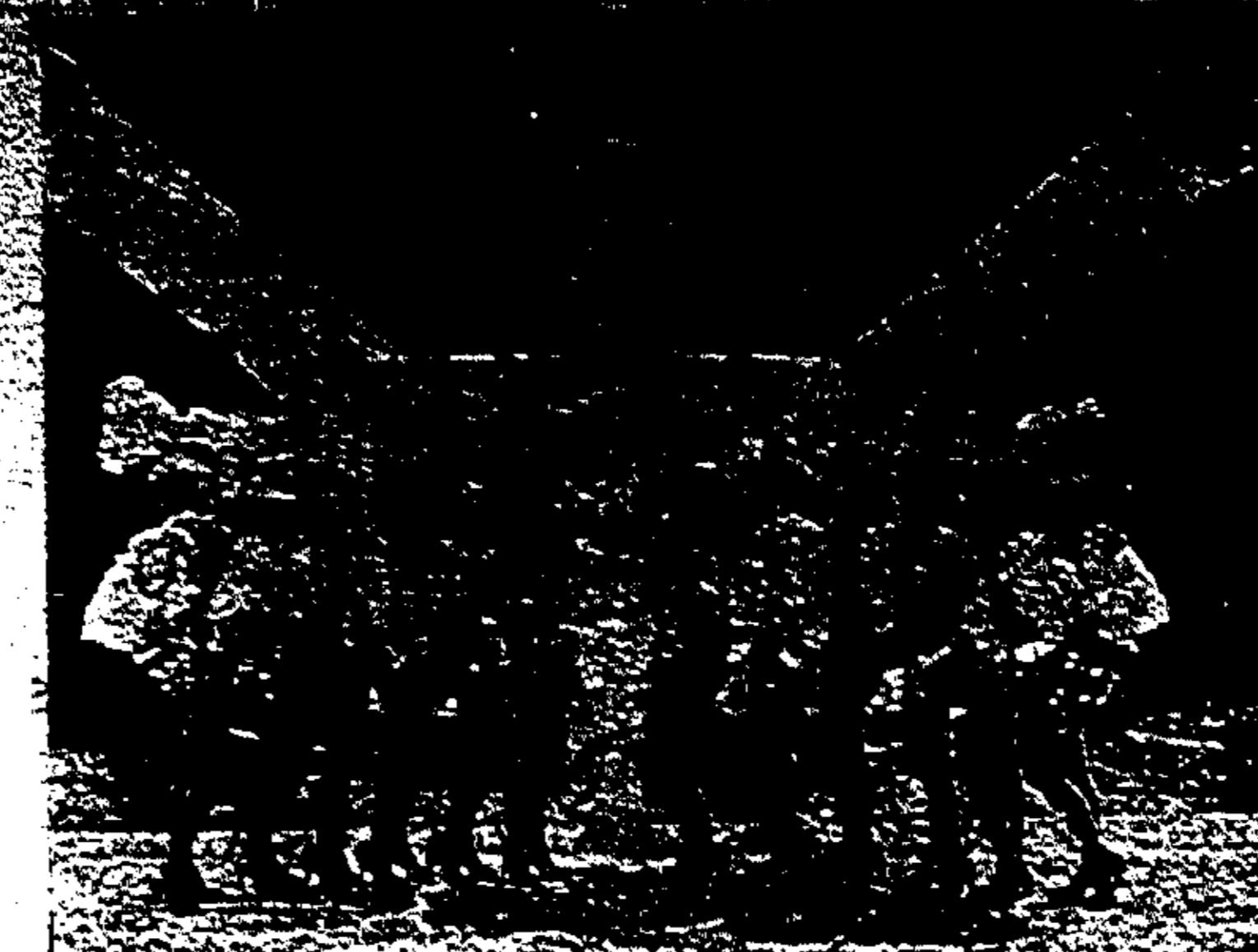
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BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Responding To A Take-Out Double

When your partner has made a
take-out double, no matter how
weak your hand may be, you must
show him your best suit. By your
best suit is meant your longest suit.
Every hand contains at least one
suit of four cards or more. This
is the suit in which you should
take the double out.

Holding two suits of four cards
or more, you should prefer a major
suit if you have one. Even with
a four card major and a five card
minor you should respond in the
major suit unless the minor suit
is headed by one-half an honour
trick or more, and the major suit
consists of four low cards. But a
six card minor is preferred to a
four card major.

With a stopper in the opponents'
suit, at least one honour trick in
the hand, and no major suit take-
out, one no trump may be bid.

At times you will find that your
only four card or longer suit is the
suit which your opponents have
bid. In such cases, it becomes ne-
cessary for you to take out the
double in a three card suit, and
the suit preferred is the lowest
ranking three card suit in your
hand.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Unjust Criticism

"Dear Mr. Culbertson:
In a recent game I sat West,
playing with a partner who usually
is a conservative player; in fact,
all four players usually play a
conservative game. In making the
five club bid I receive a great deal
of criticism from both North and
South, which criticism later was
joined by that of my own partner.
Their criticism was that I decidedly
overbid my hand; that under the
Culbertson system such a bid never
should have been made.

"Will you kindly check on the
bidding and discuss this hand in
one of your articles?"

"Thanking you in advance for
your kind criticism and help, I
am

"Yours very truly,

"A. H. P."

"North, dealer."

"North-South vulnerable; East-
West not vulnerable; 90 on score:

"NORTH
S A Q 9 8
H K J 9 7 6 5
D A
C 4 3

"WEST
S None
H Q 3
D Q J 10 9 8 7
C Q J 10 9 6

"EAST
S J 5 4 3 2
H 2
D K 6 5
C A K 5 2

"SOUTH
S K 10 7 6
H A 10 8 4
D 4 3 2
C 8 7

"The bidding:
North East South West
1 heart 2 clubs 2 hearts 5 clubs
Double Pass Pass Pass

"It is easy to understand why
North should have been so critical
of the five club bid. The answer
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BIG FEUD FEUD AGAINST TROTSKY

THE SOVIET CAMPAIGN AGAINST LEON TROTSKY AND HIS PARTY HAS TAKEN A NEW TURN WITH A "ROUND-UP" OF ALL HIS RELATIVES. ON WEDNESDAY HIS SON, A FACTORY WORKER, WAS ARRESTED, AND NOW THE RUSSIAN SECRET POLICE HAVE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY HIS REMAINING RELATIVES IN THE SOVIET, INCLUDING HIS DAUGHTER AND SISTER.

The two women, learns the Polish Telegraph Agency, are accused with having headed a secret organisation aiming at the overthrow of Stalin.

Trotzky's daughter, who lived in Siberia, is also charged with instigating miners there to sabotage. His sister was married to Kamenef, who was sentenced to death and shot in the first Trotzkyist trial.

Meanwhile the court in the present trial heard further evidence including that of Karl Radek, who admitted to having close relations with the representatives of a foreign country. Radek declared that in 1935 he received an unexpected visit from the diplomatic representative of a Central European nation. Vital questions were discussed at the meeting, which included Bucharin, who was staying at Radek's country house at the time.

At a diplomatic reception in the same year, the military representative of the same nation complained to Radek of the complete change in the relations of the two countries.

Further acts of sabotage, concerning railways and chemical factories, were then confessed by other of the accused.

DUFF COOPER SPEECH

In England the trial was the subject of a speech by Mr. A. Duff Cooper, the Secretary of State for War, who pointed out that the men now on trial were leading figures in the Revolution of 1917.

"Every day," he stated, "these men over whom the shadow of death is hanging, are making confessions of crimes which would set aghast not only the inmates of our gaols but also of our lunatic asylums."

RAILWAY SABOTAGE

"Even a prominent member of the Communist Party who was for years director of the Ural railways, confessed that he had instigated 3,500 cases of sabotage on the railways, every one beginning in his office."

"Can we believe these things at all?" inquired Mr. Duff Cooper.

Referring to recent extensive acts of sabotage in the British Navy, the War Secretary said he could now easily picture where the saboteurs went to school.

TO BORNEO IN MAY
Siam will be the first objective of the expedition. In May, the party expects to proceed to British North Borneo, an area where the scientists believe they will find the key position in reference to the origin and affinities of primates.

Dr. Coolidge is curator of mammals at the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology and has made many comparative studies of anthropoid apes; Dr. Adolf Schultz is Professor of Physical Anthropology at John Hopkins; Dr. Carpenter is lecturer in psychology at Bard College, and has made studies of the social life of monkeys in America. Others are experts in their line and John T. Coolidge, Jr. is travelling as artist and photographer.

It is understood that the principal members of the expedition are dining with Sir William Horrell this evening.

SHENSI PEACE APPARENTLY SECURE

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Yang Hu-chen, the Pacification Commissioner of Shensi.

It is learned that the Government has offered the former troops of Chang Hsueh-liang, the "Young Marshal," two alternatives to garrison posts either in Kansu or in the territory on the Huanan-Anhwei border.

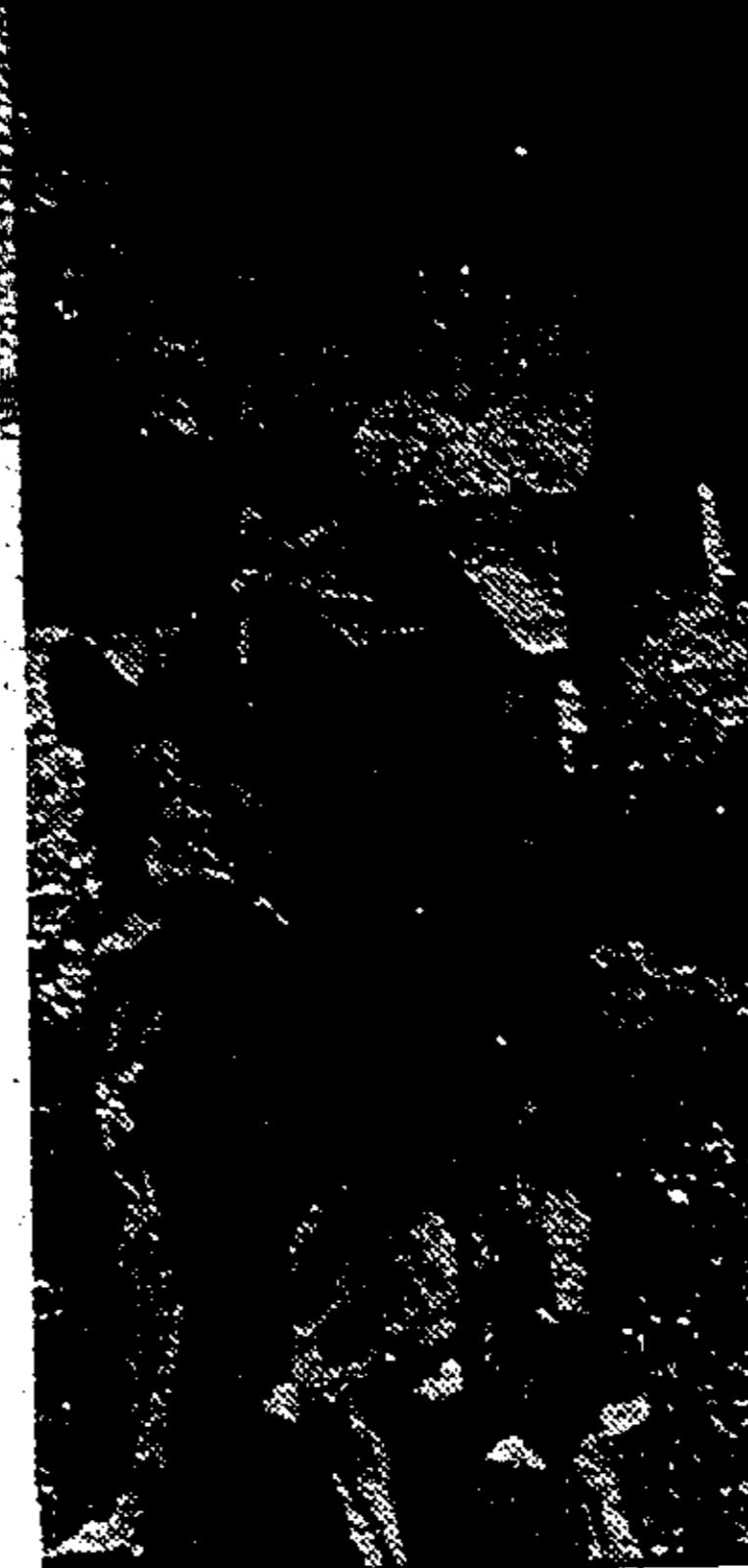
In the event of the latter being chosen, General Yang Hu-chen's men would be transferred to Kansu instead of to northern Shensi. It is understood, however, that the majority of Marshal Chang's former commandants would prefer the former plan as was indicated. —Reuter.

DANZIG SETTLEMENT

Berlin, To-day.

The smooth and rapid manner in which the League Council arrived at a settlement of the Danzig problem, is the subject of favourable comment in the "Berliner Tageblatt."

Much of the credit, however, goes to the paper, which states the paper, should go to the preliminary discussions between Berlin and Warsaw, which did much to remove difficulties Trans-Ocean.



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